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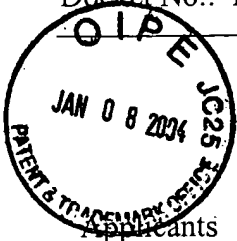
Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with thirty-six (36) references, with copies of thirteen (13) references.
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing thirty-six (36) references. Copies of disclosed U.S. patents and/or publications are not included pursuant to PTO waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for applications filed after June 30, 2003. Copies of other references, if listed, are enclosed.

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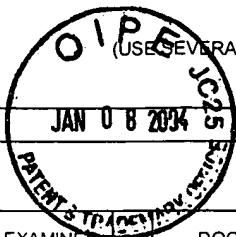
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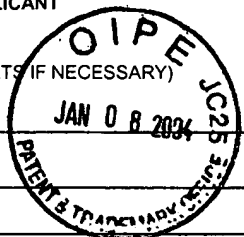


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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)	
	35	PCT International Search Report dated September 23, 2003 in 5 pages.
	36	"Study on Laser Cutting of Concrete," Hiroshi Yoshizawa, Sivakumaran Wignarajeh, and Hideaki Saito, <u>Transactions of the Japan Welding Society</u> , Vol. 20, No. 1, April 1989, pp. 31-36.

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